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FOR AMBASSADOR GOHEEN FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

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SUBJECT: LOS: COMMUNICATION FROM LAW MINISTER BHUSHAN TO  
AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO BHUSHAN THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME  
IN RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER OF AUGUST 1 TO ME WHICH I RECEIVED  
FROM THE INDIAN EMBASSY AS WELL AS FROM YOU.

BEGIN TEXT:

-- DEAR MR. MINISTER:  
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-- THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GRACIOUS MESSAGE WHICH WAS  
CONVEYED TO ME BY AMBASSADOR SINGH AUGUST 1. I AM HEARTENED  
BY YOUR BELIEF THAT FURTHER WORK ON THE COMPOSITE TEXT RE-  
GARDING THE SEABED CAN BE ORGANIZED UNDER FAIR AND OPEN PRO-  
CEDURES AND BY INDIA'S COMMITMENT TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

OF THE CONFERENCE.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE NOW WELL UNDERSTOOD BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE. HAD THE INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT MORE FULLY REFLECTED THE RESULTS OF THE PROCESS LED BY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE EVENSEN, WE WOULD HAVE HAD A DOCUMENT

ON WHICH FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS COULD REALISTICALLY HAVE BEEN BASED. AS IT IS, WE HAVE A TEXT WHICH HAS FAILED FUNDAMENTALLY TO ACCOMMODATE THE INTERESTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS POSSESS THE REQUISITE FINANCING AND TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE A REALITY OF THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND.

-- DURING OUR ONGOING REVIEW OF THE SUBSTANCE AND PROCEDURES OF THE CONFERENCE, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE AS TO HOW FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE ORGANIZED MORE FAIRLY AND OPENLY AND LEAD TO A RESULT WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES. CERTAINLY, WITH ITS GREAT INFLUENCE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, INDIA HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS PROCESS. WE WOULD CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY ANY PROPOSAL THAT YOU MIGHT WISH TO MAKE IN THIS REGARD.

-- IT WOULD BE A GREAT PITY IF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WERE TO FAIL. I BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TOWARD ACHIEVING A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. WE  
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REMAIN OPEN TO POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PLACE THE CONFERENCE, PROCEDURALLY AND SUBSTANTIVELY, BACK ON THE PATH TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

-- PLEASE CONVEY MY BEST WISHES TO DR. JAGOTA.

-- WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON.

END TEXT.

2. WE HAVE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR 10976 ON INDIA'S MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY, AND WERE ENCOURAGED BY YOUR ESTIMATE THAT THERE MAY BE GREATER INDIAN RECEPTIVITY TO OUR APPROACHES AND A FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE AS WE CONTINUE TO CONSULT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT. WE ALSO AGREE WITH YOUR JUDGMENT THAT INDIAN POSITIONS WILL NOT EASILY BE CHANGED. IN THIS RESPECT WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO ANY POSSIBLE EVOLUTION OF INDIAN POLICY ON LAW OF THE SEA AND YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHAT ADDITIONAL APPROACHES, IF ANY, WE COULD MAKE TO BRING ABOUT BOTH A CHANGE IN INDIA'S POSITION

AND INDIAN LEADERSHIP WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO  
BRING ABOUT A REAL COMPROMISE ON SEABED ISSUES.

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